

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A method of regulating weight comprising administering dairy products in an amount sufficient to induce weight loss, prevent weight gain, and/or increase the metabolic consumption of adipose tissue in a non-human animal.

Claim 2 (**currently amended**): The method of claim 1, wherein the animal is a **mammalian** pet.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the animal is a dog or cat.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the animal is a mouse.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the animal is a farm animal.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the method reduces the risk of osteoarthritis, ligament injuries, perineal dermatitis, diabetes mellitus, cardiomyopathy, and/or urologic syndrome.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the dairy products are administered in an amount sufficient to treat, reduce or attenuate obesity.

Claim 8 (**currently amended**): An animal food package comprising a calcium-fortified or dairy-containing animal food and a description of the benefits of consuming calcium in ~~regulating body weight and/or body fat~~ **inducing weight loss, preventing weight gain, and/or increasing the metabolic consumption of adipose tissue.**

Claim 9 (original): The food package of claim 8, wherein the animal food is pet food.

Claim 10 (original): The food package of claim 8, wherein the animal food is farm animal feed.